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**Resolution No. 03-41**

WHEREAS, State law directs the Higher Education Coordinating Board to prepare a strategic master plan for higher education every four years; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature and Governor enacted a bill during the 2003 session (House Bill 2076) to establish the legislative work group that has provided valuable input into the development of the 2004 interim strategic master plan; and

WHEREAS, HB 2076 directs the HECB to submit the 2004 interim strategic plan to the Legislature and Governor by December 15, 2003 and, following legislative consideration, to submit the final plan in June 2004; and

WHEREAS, The Board presented its draft interim plan during its meeting on October 29, 2003, and conducted public hearings on the draft plan on November 10 in Spokane and on November 13 in SeaTac; and

WHEREAS, The Board has considered the testimony presented at the public hearings and has made several revisions that have improved the draft plan; and

WHEREAS, The board has articulated mission, vision and value statements for higher education in Washington and has expressed its support for a student-centered approach to higher education decision-making, increased management flexibility for colleges and universities, and stronger regional collaboration to address education needs and problems; and

WHEREAS, The interim plan establishes two key goals for the state's college and university system by 2010, to (1) increase by 20 percent the total number of students who earn college degrees and job training credentials each year, and (2) increase the responsiveness of the higher education system to the state's economic needs; and

WHEREAS, The interim plan articulates several strategies for achieving the goals that address enrollment increases; improved efficiency; innovation in service delivery; funding, tuition and financial aid; economic responsiveness; and improved linkages between the state's higher education and K-12 education systems;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Higher Education Coordinating Board adopt the interim plan as presented at its special meeting on December 15, 2003, and transmit it to the Legislature and Governor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the HECB expresses its thanks and appreciation to the many people and organizations who have participated in the development of the interim strategic master plan and who the Board hopes will continue to be involved in the development of the final plan.

Adopted: Dec. 15, 2003

Attest:

Bob Craves, Chair

Ann Ramsay-Jenkins, Secretary